BIRD BULLETIN NO. 2 - APRIL 1910

The popular prognostication of a mild and early spring, following the prompt arrival of many migratory birds after the close of February, was this season amply fulfilled, the month of March this year having been the warmest on record, the temperature having risen as high as 81 degrees. The present season is over three weeks in advance of conditions which usually prevail.

Many birds have already begun their nesting activities, and any observations pertaining to building of the nest, laying the eggs, or hatching of the young, with date, and time of the day carefully noted, made by any one in any part of the state, will be gladly recorded. Do not be afraid to report discoveries, because of their seeming trivial character; it is because of a lack of such details that our knowledge of the activities of the birds in our midst is so incomplete and unsatisfactory.

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Migrants not previously reported.

(1). Passenger Pigeon (?) March 18, a flock of 10, thought to be this species reported by Orville Wright at Northfield; they were probably Doves. This celebrated bird, formerly so abundant in many parts of the continent, disappeared about 1885, and is now thought to be entirely extinct by many. A systematic search is now being conducted over the entire country, and the finder of the first undisturbed nest will be rewarded with a prize of $1,000.00. Over $2,000.00 have been offered in additional prizes for the discovery of undisturbed nests of live birds in various states. The biological laboratory possesses mounted specimens of both Passengers and Mourning Doves, together with their eggs.

(2). Towhee Bunting, March 20-24, Doan Brook, and Lake View.Prof.Hulme.

(3). Cowbird, large flock, March 23, Macedonaia, Mr. A.J.Stover.
Previously reported as resident.

(4). Phoebe, March 26, common, Aurora Ponds, near Twinsburg, Summit Co., A.J.Stover.

(5). White-bellied Martin, March 26, few, Aurora Pond, A.J.Stover.

(6). Fox Sparrow, March 26, two, Aurora Pond, A.J.Stover.

(7). Kingfisher, pair, April 2, Euclid, Mrs. Springsteen.

(8). American Scaup Duck, April 4-14, two males and two females, noted daily by many in Wade Park pond; on April 14 they were joined by a third female. The drakes are easily distinguished by their black heads and by their white sides and wing-bars, which show as they swim.

(9). Chipping Sparrow, April 5, Macedonia, A.J.Stover.

(10). Vesper Sparrow, several, April 7, Macedonia, A.J.Stover.

(11). Hermit Thrush, April 7, Wade Park, Professor Hulme.

(12). Brown Thrasher, April 8, Doan Brook, Professor Hulme.

Nesting and other Activities.

(1). Grouse, drumming, March 19, Northfield; also March 26, Aurora Pond, Mr. A.J.Stover.

(2). Mourning Dove, cooing, March 19, nesting, Aurora Pond, A.J.Stover.

(3). Red Shouldered Hawk, March 26, nesting, Aurora Pond, Mr. Stover.

(4). Carolina Wren, nest begun on window ledge of house in Newburgh, March 28, and apparently complete on March 30; no eggs were laid. Mr. Pallister.

(5) Great Horned Owl, March 29; nest with two young in down, and about two weeks old, in hole in ash, 25 feet up, in a piece of woods, at Circleville. When discovered the parents had just brought a rat to the nest. Mr. Driesbach.

(6). Robin, two males, fighting, indicative of pairing, April 6, Macedonia, Mr. Stover.

(7.) Killdeer Plover, April 10, Northfield, A.J.Stover.
1st egg probably laid April 9;
2nd egg " " 10;
3rd egg " " 11;
4th egg " " 13; Nest exposed on high ground in pasture, shallow, 4-5 inches in diameter, and lined with bits of rotten wood; eggs large, pointed, and boldly spotted; points turned in.

Winter residents not previously reported.

(1). Marsh Hawk, March 26, Aurora Pond, A.J.Stover.

(2). Golden Crowned Kinglet, April 11, Wade Park, A.J.Stover.

(3). Ruby Crowned Kinglet, April 12, Wade Park, Mr. Stover.